

Wilton Conservation Commission

PO Box 83 Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY – 27 JANUARY 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held a special meeting on Monday, 27 January 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

- High Mowing / Frye Land Project – CIP Request / Warrant Article
- Meeting called to order by Lynn at 7:10 pm...
- Lynn opens meeting with a brief explanation of what the WCC has to do to be in compliance for the Acquisition of the Frye / High Mowing Land Project.
- WCC would be the one holding the Easement Note on the Project.
- The WCC has to be the one bringing the Acquisition request to the Selectmen of Wilton.
- Ian Mc Sweeney starts “as we have discussed I would be happy to represent the WCC and/or the project and remain with interest, this ranks very high with the NRI. No other board is charged with the responsibility of obtaining the land in question. I have talked about it quite a bit so are there any questions that people might have?
- Misunderstood: no one is benefiting in any way from the easement.. Frye’s have used other means to obtain funding towards this project, the funds have been already approved by the government to go to the land owner for the actual Easement of this property.
- Alan Preston: Never received the actual Warrant of the Report ... not in letter form. Ian - we still need a copy.
- We voted to present a motion... had hoped to SEE IT before the actual meeting,
- Bart: What do we get as a benefit for the Easement?
- Ian: You have rights even though you don't own the land.
- Joe: May I ask for some clarification? We have to ask for the \$80

thousand dollars?

- Ian: We have to go in front of the selectmen to ask for the \$80 from the tax payers.
- Ian: Reality is only town boards can go for town warrants. Will give you exemplary easement for the property.
- Joe: Are we under any different understanding that is there any different responsibilities?
- Ian: The wording of the warrant would be the Town Council writes the Warrant? The intent of the warrant up to \$80 thousand dollars.
- Alan: Could be conflicts on the way it is written as well as insurance?
- Laurence: any issues on owning the land or hesitation?
- Alan: What about parking... What are we getting out of this?
- Ian: Town presently will continue to own the road from stone wall to stone wall, the town having added reason to add additional parking there for access to the location. Hunting is going to be a restriction on the property. If it sells it still stays into easement and will never be taken away from the taxpayers of Wilton. Permanent use Right of way.
- Spencer: Stated that was a question for the Zoning Board.
- Phil Brook: School purpose is to encourage people to visit - enthusiastic to involving the Wilton, summer program.
- Ian: It is my understanding that 1mill 560 dollars Total WCC asked before for the Frye land. Bond to put that money aside for potential easement purchase?
- Language of the proposed warrant ... language to be decided...motion to support the easement on table.
- Joe: I move that the Wilton Conservation Commission supports to recommend the warrant article for the conservation easement, for the High Mowing School / Gary Frye (Lot's F-127, 128, 130, 131, 139) project. Not to exceed \$80,000. To assist in reaching 100% of the purchase price.
- Bart Second the motion, Alan & Lynn Abstain, Votes in favor 7 ... Motion passes by majority.

- Spencer: As long as I have been on the WCC when we makes a motion we have gotten the funds, if my math is correct we need at least 100 voters at the meeting to help pass this.
- Ian: 4.7 % of the total amount is coming from the town. Legal interest on the lands.
- Ian: This needs to be proposed to the selectmen beforehand, then it will become to an actual vote, February 3rd. Assume it 7pm check the agenda on line.
- Spencer made the point that showing the support at the Town meeting.
- Ian: Hypothetical speaking about the land acquisition, one could not sell the land and easement and claim tax deductible for both and make out twice. Not legal, cannot receive two tax breaks.
- Ian: This fulfills the Town's Master Plan, and also this easement fulfills the WCC requirements.
- Bart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, Bill Second the motion. Motion Carries.

Minutes interpreted by Donna Tallarico

Updates completed

Approved on Feb 10th By WCC members